

## President's Message

*Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

This is my inaugural column for our newsletter. I am honored to have been elected your new president. BCMTA has had a tremendous influence on me both as a teacher and as a person. From the early years as a new teacher and member, I received encouragement and advice from kind, experienced teachers. I also was blessed to attend many conferences and master classes where I received even more guidance. I attended workshops on setting studio policies, programs on how to keep intermediate students interested, prevention of repetitive stress injuries, pupil saver ideas, etc. Eventually, I found myself back in school to learn even more about the fascinating art of teaching piano! It was a thrill to find that the college I attended had a collegiate

chapter of MTNA. In fact two students from FAU were recently chosen by the MTNA for the Star Award (Student Recognition Program).

It was said recently that BCMTA has become so competition-oriented that the average teacher feels intimidated and unappreciated. We are here to change that perception. My goal as your president and our goal as your executive board is to balance educational and competitive events with teacher support, workshops, guidance, mentoring, and most importantly, fellowship.

We have already had two organizational meetings, the last being the Hospitality Committee Brunch in late June. We are so excited about the different events planned and the many opportunities for fellowshipping

and learning together. With the exception of the Open House, all programs and meetings will take place the first Friday of the month at 10:00 AM, so you can plan accordingly.

We have many wonderful plans for this upcoming year. There are still a few opportunities available for serving on a committee if you would like to get plugged in and involved. Please call me or e-mail for more information.

*Musically yours,*

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## Fall Open House & Reception: September 9<sup>th</sup>

This year, the Open House will take place on Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 PM. The location will be the First Presbyterian Church (The "Pink" Church) in Pompano Beach. The address is 2331 NE 26th Ave. (Directions: [www.pinkpres.org](http://www.pinkpres.org)) At this meeting, each committee chairman will talk a little bit about their 2007-2008 event, for example: Musicthon, Student Day, Pompano Competition, Summer camp Scholarships, FSMTA Conference, etc. This will be a great

time to ask questions about any of the events that will be taking place throughout the year. In addition, a distinguished service award will be presented to Myra Weaver. We are hoping for 100% attendance in order to usher in a new era of BCMTA participation and excitement! Teachers with students of all levels will be represented. Also, anyone interested in membership will be welcome. So, bring a friend!

Diana Heller of the BCMTA

Hospitality Committee will be coordinating the pot luck reception. Please RSVP either by phone or e-mail and indicate what dish you would like to bring. (Choices: appetizers, fruit, finger sandwiches, desserts, etc.) We will provide beverages and paper goods. Please RSVP by e-mail: [maestro@bellsouth.net](mailto:maestro@bellsouth.net) OR phone: 954 475 0428 or before August 15, 2007. If by chance you return after August 15, please call Diana at your earliest convenience.

..... CALENDAR .....

July 18

General Meeting: Review of new Federation music (Piano Showcase)

September 9

General Meeting: Fall Open House (First Presbyterian - "The Pink Church")

September 14

Preparing Students for Student Day: RSVP only

October 17

Master Class: Gilda Goldstein (FAU)

October 19-21

FSMTA State Conference, Boca Raton

October 27

Postmark Deadline: Student Day Entrance

## 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting: New Music Review

- Music from the 2007-2009 FFMC Festival Bulletin •



*BCMTA First General Meeting!*  
New Music Review!

SEE, HEAR and PLAY the new music from the 2008-2010 bulletin!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 18 10:00 - 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** Piano Showcase, 5170 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334  
(Location is 2 blocks North of Commercial Boulevard on U.S. 1 on right side of the street.)

Refreshments will be provided by Mark Leszczynski, owner of the Piano Showcase.

We ask that everybody participate by purchasing, practicing and presenting a few pieces. Choose the categories that best fit the needs of your studio.

Don't worry about playing perfectly - none of us will! It'll be fun and informative!

To RSVP, call Peggy Gallagher at 954-772-6496 to reserve your choices. You can email her at [megapeg3@bellsouth.net](mailto:megapeg3@bellsouth.net)



*2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting & Fall Open House*

*September 9<sup>th</sup>*

*First Presbyterian ("The Pink Church")*

*Pompano Beach*

### • Pompano Competition Update •

*A note from Mary Beth Purchase...*

The Pompano Piano Competition committee will be meeting in late July to update the repertoire list for the Pompano Piano Competition. If you would like to e-mail repertoire suggestions, please do so before July 15th.

Please include all information concerning the work such as key of

piece, composer, publisher and collection (if the piece is in a repertoire collection); Op 27, No. 2.; K. 545; Jazz Suite No. 2, Movement III, No., etc. Please send suggestions directly to me via e-mail: [klassicallycool@bellsouth.net](mailto:klassicallycool@bellsouth.net).

The committee will include myself, Dr. Dianne Garvin, Maria Gomez, Jorge Herrero, and Sue Colvert.

## Congratulations & News

### **THANK YOU...**

Thank you to Peggy Gallagher for years of excellent work as BCMTA Newsletter Editor!!! This position has been passed to Nancy Kenney. Please email information for the upcoming newsletter to [missnancypiano@aol.com](mailto:missnancypiano@aol.com).

2007-2009 • BCMTA Board & Committee Chairs

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**Competition & Event Results**

**INTERMEDIATE A (May 19<sup>th</sup>)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Shela Wu (Judith Burganger)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Alyce Kuo (Roxanne Stevenson)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Blanche Kuo (Roxanne Stevenson)

HM - Stanley Brenner (Irena Kofman)

HM - Christopher Lai (Maria Gomez)

**INTERMEDIATE B (May 19<sup>th</sup>)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Gabrielle Chou (Maria Gomez)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Benjamin Carberry  
(Rosalie Gregory)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hsuan Hsieh (Maria Gomez)

HM - Valeda Yong (Judith Burganger)

HM - Amy Huang (Maria Gomez)

**MESSINGSCHLAGER - (June 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

1<sup>st</sup> - Mark Mayea (Irena Kofman)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Christopher Ohanian  
(Judith Burganger)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Brandon Luong (Maria Gomez)

HM - Manuel Delgado  
(Carolyn Morgan)

**2007 Summer Camp Scholarships**

The following students were each awarded a \$300 Scholarship to attend a summer music camp.

• Christopher Ohanian  
*Student of Judith Burganger*

• Christian Vogel  
*Student of Sandra Greenland*

**Congratulations!**

## *BCMTA Yearbook & FSMTA Handbook*

### BCMTA YEARBOOK INFO:

To **PURCHASE** a current yearbook, please send a check for \$2.50 postage to Barbara Schaap at the following address:

Barbara Schaap  
7024 NW 101<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Tamarac, FL 33321

To **UPDATE** your name, address, phone, e-mail, etc. for the 2007/2008 yearbook printing, please e-mail Barbara Schaap ***no later than August 22<sup>nd</sup>!***

barbaraphil2004@yahoo.com.

### FSMTA STUDENT DAY HANDBOOK INFO:

To **PURCHASE** the current handbook, please contact Sue Colvert at [jwcsr@aol.com](mailto:jwcsr@aol.com). The handbook contains important information about Student Day & other competitive events.

## *BCMTA EVENTS CALENDAR • 2007 – 2008*

July 18, 2007	10:00AM...1 <sup>st</sup> General Meeting: New Federation Music
September 9	OPEN HOUSE (2 <sup>nd</sup> General Meeting)
September 14	Preparing Students for Student Day
October 17	Master Class with Gilda Goldstein at F.A.U.
October 19 - 21	FSMTA Conference in Boca Raton, FL.
October 27	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Student Day Entrance Applications
November 4 - 7	World Pedagogy Conference in Las Vegas, NV
November 17	Student Day Aural & Written Theory Evaluation Exams
December 16	Holiday Party
January 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> General Meeting:
January 17	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Pompano Piano Competition
January 26 - 27	Musichthon
February 1	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Greenspan AND FSMTA Community Service Awards
February 2-3 & 9-10	FFMC Junior Festival
February 29	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Student Day Performance Exams
March 1	Pompano Piano Competition and Winner's Concert
March 7	4 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting
March 15	Student Day Performance Evaluation Exams
March 29 - April 2	MTNA National Conference
March 29	North Student Day Honors Recital
March 30	South Student Day Honors Recital
????????	District VI Concerto Competition
April 12	Pompano Piano Competition Annual Fundraiser
April 17	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Intermediate A & B
April 25	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Summer Camp Scholarships
May 1	<b>Postmark Deadline</b> for Messingschlager Competition AND Composition Competition
May	FFMC State Junior Convention
May 17	Intermediate A & B Competitions
June 1	Messingschlager Competition